A.—Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA (Deputy Minister for Minor Irrigation).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (*a*) of the question.

Rates of Rice under Paddy Purchase Scheme

Q.—94. Sri R. S. HEGDE (Honavar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the intention of the Government in fixing the ex-mill, wholesale and retail rates for rice converted out of paddy under the paddy purchase scheme;

(*b*) how was it implemented ?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Food).—

(*a*) Ex-mill rates have been fixed after taking into account the milling, handling, storage and incidental charges.

The wholesale rates are fixed after taking into account handling, storage and incidental charges and the commission to be paid to the wholesalers.

The retail rates are fixed on the basis of rates fixed for wholesalers together with the commission payable to the retailers.

All these rates are so fixed as to ensure that while the millers, wholesalers and retailers get the actual expenses incurred by them reimbursed and get adequate remuneration for the services rendered by them foodgrains are available to the consumers at reasonable rates.

(*b*) Satisfactorily.

Deficit of food grains in North Kanara.

Q.—95. Sri R. S. HEGDE (Honavar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the North Kanara District is deficit in food grains to the extent of 6 months in the year;

(*b*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the present allotment of 600 tonnes of rice to the District per month cannot meet with the monthly requirements of the District;

(*c*) whether Government has received number of representations to increase the allotment;

(*d*) what steps do Government propose to take in this behalf ?